

# List of creatures in Meitei folklore

Meitei people, being the predominant ethnic group in the Himalayan kingdom of Manipur, has diverse cultural contacts with diverse communities of other nations since ancient times. The case is the same with Meitei folklore as well as Meitei culture. This is a list of the creatures of Ancient Meetei folklore. This doesn't include the list of deities in Meitei mythology, for which see Lists of deities in Sanamahism and Meitei deities.



Kanglasha, a pair of dragons at Kangla

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## Mythological Animals

Creatures	Description
Chareng, also known as Uchek Langmeidong	She's a human girl, who later turns out into a hornbill bird. <sup>[1]</sup>
Engarel Sidaba (Engaren Sidaba)	The divine fish manifestation of Salailen Sidaba who went down to the bottom of the ocean surface to check the presence of his newly creations.
Kakyen (Kwak Kakyen Mingamba)	A monster bird, with its wingspan equivalent to the size of pologround.
Kaorel (Kao)	The supernatural sacred bull of enormous strength, who attacked the fishers in the shores of the Loktak lake, dwells among the wild reeds of the Phumdis. It's later captured by Khuman Khamba, a legendary hero and a son of its former master. <sup>[2]</sup>
Oksharel Sidaba (Oksharen Sidaba, Oksaren Sidaba or Oksarel Sidaba)	The divine boar (pig) who lifted up the earth from the bottom of the ocean, a manifestation of Salailen Sidaba.
Samadon Ayangba (Shamadon Ayangba)	The flying winged horse, who serves Mārjīng as his stead.
Thengurel Sidaba (Thenguren Sidaba)	The divine turtle (tortoise) manifestation of Salailen Sidaba, who lifted up the earth on its gigantic back from the bottom of the ocean.

## Dragons



Pakhangba

Creatures	Description
<u>Hiyang Hiren</u>	The giant dragon boat creature which used to carry the gods on its deck.
<u>Nongshaba</u> , also known as <u>Kangla Sha</u>	The dragon lion, son of <u>Salailen Sidaba</u> and deity of royalties.
<u>Pakhangba</u>	The serpentine dragon, who is the destroyer of evils. <sup>[3]</sup>
<u>Poubi Lai</u>	The serpentine dragon, who dwells in the Loktak Lake, believed to be an incarnation of Pakhangba. <sup>[4]</sup>
<u>Thikri Nachaoba</u> also known as <u>Chothe Thangwai Pakhangba</u>	The ancient mythical ruler of the <u>Moirang</u> kingdom, who could assume the dragon figure.

## Evil Creatures

Creatures	Description	Type
Seroi Ngaroi	Believed to be the <u>evils</u> who feed on human <u>flesh</u> as well as animal <u>meats</u> . <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>Evils</u>
Tamnalai	Believed to be the <u>ghosts</u> and the souls who often haunt the human beings. <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>Evils</u>

## Uchek Langmeidong

The Uchek Langmeidong (Meitei: ௨ꯏꯔꯪꯛꯐꯪꯂꯩꯔ) or Chareng (Meitei: ௨ꯏꯔꯪꯛꯐꯪ), literary meaning "hornbill", is a mythical creature in Meitei mythology. It appears in the form of a hornbill bird, who was originally a human girl.<sup>[7]</sup>

The creature was originally a little girl, who unable to bear the constant torture of her stepmother in the absence of her father, sought feathers from her hornbill friends, and turned herself into a bird by wearing the woven feathers.<sup>[8][9]</sup>

### List

Here's a list of mythical creatures in alphabetical order:

- Chothe Thangwai Pakhangba
- Kanglasha
- Nongshaba
- Pakhangba

### Uchek Langmeidong ꯨꯏꯔꯪꯛꯐꯪꯂꯩꯔ



Uchek Langmeidong, the mythical bird of Manipur

Grouping      Legendary

- Poubi Lai
- Uchek Langmeidong

	<u>creatures</u>
<b>Sub grouping</b>	<u>Mythological hybrids</u>
<b>Other name(s)</b>	Chareng (ꯏꯪꯂꯩꯄ)
<b>Country</b>	<u>India</u>
<b>Region</b>	<u>Manipur</u>

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